Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, James Barry Stoick was born on August 26, 1941, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Jim and Cora Stoick; and,

Whereas, Barry began working in his parent's grocery store at the age of 10 and quickly acquired his passion for people and a keen appreciation for retail business; and,

Whereas, After graduating from Timber Lake High School, Barry was one of the first American troops in Vietnam where he served a full tour of duty; and,

Whereas, In 1984, Barry opened a Rapid City landmark on Jackson Boulevard, Stoick's Super Stop, a business he has owned and successfully operated for 23 years; and,

Whereas, Barry has been an ambassador of goodwill to the thousands of visitors touring the Black Hills, a good neighbor who is always quick to lend a helping hand and has a gift for remembering the names and faces of everyone he has met throughout his long business career; and,

Whereas, Barry has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work and will retire on May 31, 2007; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Barry for his dedicated and outstanding service to his community and the surrounding area:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2007, as

BARRY STOICK DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State